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TAGS: MNUC MPOL NATO GW US
SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD ER WEAPON: SEPTEMBER 12
US-FRG CONSULTATIONS

REFS: (A) GOODBY-MEEHAN TELCON; (B) BONN 14746

1. EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT A FINAL FRG GOVERNMENT DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN RE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON.

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2. SO FAR AS THE PUBLIC RECORD GOES, THIS WEEK'S BUNDESTAG DEBATE (REF B) WAS MARKED BY A NOTABLY NON-COMMITTAL ATTITUDE BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT SPEAKER, DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER. LEBER'S REMARK THAT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW GOOD THE ER WEAPON IS SUGGESTS HE (AND THE GOVERNMENT) WAS CONCERNED TO CONVEY A PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT THE ISSUE REMAINED SUB JUDICE PENDING

ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS. CLEARLY, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT A DECISION HAS IN FACT BEEN TAKEN. LEBER'S PRESENTATION COULD BE SIMPLY PACKAGING.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, BEYOND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ON WHICH TO FORM A JUDGMENT.

4. GIVEN THE PUBLIC POSTURE ADOPTED SO FAR BY THE FRG GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE OUR APPROACH IN MONDAY'S CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE THAT THE GERMAN DECISION IS STILL OPEN. MEEHAN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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